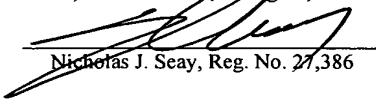


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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action dated September 24, 2001 in the file of the above-identified application, and conversations with the Examiner since that time, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please substitute the following new paragraph for the paragraph which was previously substituted in the Amendment mailed July 2, 2001, which was in turn substituted for the paragraph appearing in the original specification starting on page 5, line 31 and extending onto page 6, line 7. It is the applicant's understanding that the last attempted amendment of this paragraph, contained with the applicant's submission dated March 21, 2002 has not been entered.

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An illustration of the three dimensional structure of the human ribonuclease inhibitor is illustrated in Fig. 1. The sequence of the ribonuclease inhibitor can be found in Lee et al.